

# A sporting Year in Review

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Well, here we are and another year has gone by in the confused and sometimes clouded world of Dalhousie sports. A year — like many others — that has brought us a national championship of some form or description and more ques-

tions than answers. Shall we start from the beginning?

The men's soccer season was an overall success with an automatic birth in the national championship tournament because of their AUSA dominance. This year marked a transition in the Dalhousie soccer

program, as intern coach Pat Nearing was extremely successful and worked well with many of the players. So much so that the much-maligned former head coach Ian Kent no longer carries the title of "former" or — with Nearing's one year appointment as full time bench boss — "coach." So many parallels can be drawn between the Dalhousie coaching position and the quarterback spot in Buffalo. Consider Kent to be in similar circumstances as Rob Johnson and Nearing the Flutie-type hero from an unproven league. Kent did not coach this year because of illness and, with the team's performance this season under the watchful eye of Nearing, is not working next season. As for Kent's return to the Dalhousie sideline, only time will tell.

The woman's team can definitely be considered the team of the year. Winning a national championship seems to warrant such praise. The women Tigers overcame so much controversy in the off-season with the departure of national team member Mary-Beth Bowie, who took the year off and will pursue her carrier in the US. Not only did they

lose Bowie but they were also hurt by the season-ending injury suffered by fourth year star Nathalie Lindthaler in September. Stef Finatari and Julie Pigozzo stepped up for Dal this season and Roxanne Murphy was brilliant in the cage at the CIAU championship. Head coach Dara Moore can breathe a sign of relief and start to look ahead to next year as the daunting task of repeating as champions awaits the team.

The hockey team had another tough year, finishing at the bottom of the pack in the Kelly Division. Let us not allow ourselves to think that because they took SMU to a third game in the first round of the playoffs that they were close. They weren't. Some major re-tooling is necessary in order to compete against great playoff teams like Acadia and UNB come February. Winning a playoff round next year will no doubt be considered an unlikely success. Hey, we all have to start somewhere.

This brings us to basketball. What can be said about our men's team and, more specifically, head coach Tim McGarrigal? Is it just me or have these guys really sucked for

the past three years or so? I'm not making the team any better, but something has to be done...like get a new coach. McGarrigal has lacked professionalism, the ability to keep his players in the program and most importantly the ability to win in the AUSA. Let's not kid ourselves here folks. If we had records like this guy we'd all be out of a job. The guys don't seem to want to play for him and, more specifically, don't seem to care. In short — start over.

The women's team had a great regular season but could not continue their consistent play in the playoffs. They ended up losing to eventual AUSA champs MUN in the first round. They do return a lot of players for next year so the disappointment of the early exit that was experienced this season could hopefully be used in some positive manner for next season.

The Men's volleyball team experienced a huge change at the helm as long time head coach Al Scott opted to take the vacant position as Athletic Director and handed the coaching reigns to his protegee Dan Ota. After a rocky start to the season, the team was able to put it together in time to knock off the number one seed at CIAU's. This victory will be one of the more cherished ones by the program. The team lost only two players to graduation. Next year is the year for a number of players to step up both on and off the court and make names for themselves at the national level.

The women's team did not experience the same level of success as they have in the past. The team did not make the playoffs this season and, to add insult to injury, lost to UPEL. This was an extremely inexperienced team with the leadership coming from third year outside hitter Melanie Hansen. Who is to say if head coach Christine Frail will be back with the team next year? Apprehension accompanied her when she took the job a couple of years ago. Some of the off court problems the team has experienced over the past couple of years may have her questioning her decision to come back and coach at her alma mata. If she is not with the program next year then the question may arise, was she pushed or did she jump?

Ah yes, the Dalhousie sporting scene. What will you bring us next year? Will it be a year filled with AUSA banners and All-Canadians or will be it a woeful year of early playoff exits and more talent leaving us rather than coming to this fine institution? I know one thing is for sure — there will not be a football team wearing the Black and Gold any time soon. This begs the question, why did we students anti-up one hundred thousand dollars — it's cooler when you say it like Dr. Evil — for a team only to see the former volleyball coach appointed as Athletic Director? Who is kidding whom? The last thing Al Scott — or any sane individual for that matter — is going to do is dump a bunch of money into a football program and take money away from already depleted budgets of existing programs. For all those who are that desperate to see football on Wickwire field, you can come and watch me and my buddies play touch football on the weekend. We are always looking for people. Two o'clock Sunday sound good?

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